

Re-write claims 1, 7 and 11 as follows:

1 --1. (thrice amended) An electronic camera comprising:
2 a signal processing portion for processing an imaged
3 video signal obtained from an imaging element to form image
4 data;

5 a monitor for displaying said image data;
6 an electronic flash device;
7 a battery for supplying [current] voltage to said
8 signal processing portion, said monitor and said electronic
9 flash device;

10 a battery voltage detector circuit; and
11 a system controller; [wherein]

12 wherein:

13 _____ said electronic flash device includes a capacitor
14 charged when no light is emitted from the flash device, and
15 a discharge tube which receives an output from capacitor
16 and, in response thereto, emits light; and

17 _____ said system controller receives an output from
18 said battery voltage detector circuit, determines whether an
19 amount of electric charge remaining in said battery is below
20 a predetermined value, and controls displaying on said
21 monitor and charging of said capacitor such that, when the
22 amount of electric charge remaining in said battery is below
23 said predetermined value, display of the image data and
24 charging of the capacitor are not simultaneously performed
25 and an operation of displaying the image data on the monitor
26 and recording the image data on a recording medium is
27 completed before an operation of charging the capacitor
28 occurs so that the image data will be preserved on the
29 medium should the battery voltage, as a result of the
30 charging operation, decrease below a level at which the

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31 camera would record the image, wherein the image data is
32 displayed on the monitor after the image has been recorded
33 but before the capacitor has begun charging such that,
34 through display of the image data, a user is informed that
35 the image data has been recorded on the medium.

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1 7. (thrice amended) A battery voltage controlling method
2 employed in an electronic camera, comprising the steps of:
3 detecting whether an amount of electric charge
4 remaining in a battery is below a predetermined value; and
5 successively performing displaying on a monitor and
6 charging of a capacitor when said amount of electric charge
7 remaining in said battery is below said predetermined value
8 such that an operation of displaying and recording image
9 data is completed before an operation of charging the
10 capacitor occurs so that the image data will be preserved on
11 the medium should voltage produced by the battery, as a
12 result of the charging operation, decrease below a level at
13 which the camera would record the image, wherein the image
14 data is displayed on the monitor after the image has been
15 recorded but before the capacitor has begun charging such
16 that, through display of the image data, a user is informed
17 that the image data has been recorded on the medium.

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1 11. (twice amended) An electronic camera comprising:
2 an operation key;
3 a signal processing portion for processing an imaged
4 video signal obtained from an imaging element to form image
5 data and storing said image data on a recording medium in
6 response to operation of said [shutter] operation key;
7 a monitor for displaying said image data thereon;
8 an electronic flash device;

9 a battery for supplying [current] voltage to said
10 signal processing portion, said monitor and said electronic
11 flash device;

12 a battery voltage detector circuit connected to said
13 battery; and

14 a system controller connected to said battery voltage
15 detector circuit, said monitor, said signal processing
16 portion and said electronic flash device;

17 wherein:

18 said electronic flash device has a capacitor
19 charged with current supplied from said battery when said
20 electronic flash does not emit a flash of light, and a
21 discharge tube which receives an output from said capacitor
22 and, in response thereto, produces the flash of light; and

23 said system controller receives an output from
24 said battery voltage detector circuit and determines whether
25 a remaining amount of electric charge in the battery is
26 below a predetermined value, and, if the remaining amount of
27 the charge is below the predetermined value, does not permit
28 displaying on said monitor and charging of said capacitor to
29 occur simultaneously, such that the system controller
30 prevents the capacitor from being charged while the monitor
31 is displaying the image data when one screen of the image
32 data is being recorded on the recording medium, and controls
33 the monitor to be inoperative while said capacitor is being
34 charged after one screen of said image data has been
35 completely recorded on the recording medium so that the
36 image data will be preserved on the medium should the
37 battery voltage, as a result of the charging operation,
38 decrease below a level at which the camera would record the
39 image, wherein the image data is displayed on the monitor
40 after the image has been recorded but before the capacitor